

Lawrence Toperoff, Stan Turek, Jermaine Venable, James Ventre, Quoc-An Vo, Cheraise Ward, Kenya Watkins, Sarah Watkins, Dan Weiser, Kenneth Wenzel, Andrea Williamson, Katherine Wyatt, James Young, Shin Yun, Eric Zabel and Jordana Zubkoff.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations to today's recipients for their unwavering efforts and outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives. I wish them continued success in their endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently cast a "no" vote on rollcall No. 393, as part of the consideration of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I would like to change my vote on the amendment to "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 330, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1627, Arlington National Cemetery Monuments, I was unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

DANIEL PERLA AND VALERIE
ALTMANN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, the Bayit, is a cornerstone of the Riverdale community. Today it is honoring Daniel Perla and his wife Valerie Altmann for their involvement in the HIR since they moved to the community in 2000.

Danny was elected President of Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in June 2004, shortly after he completed the prestigious Wexner Heritage leadership training program. Under his leadership, the HIR embarked on a major capital campaign and has completed a building expansion and renovation. The campaign has already raised over \$5 million, half way to its goal with the rebuilt Bayit now accommodating nine separate Shabbat groups, and six different Shabbat tefillot.

The Bayit also houses Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, the preeminent Open Orthodox rabbinical school where Danny is currently studying full-time. Before beginning his Rabbinic studies, Danny worked as an analyst and portfolio manager for a variety of firms, most recently working as a Managing Director of Indian Asset Management, a major institutional money management firm. In addition to his in-

volvement at HIR, Danny serves as a board member of SAR Academy, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and Yeshivat Hadar.

Valerie is a full-time faculty member at Long Island Jewish Medical Center where she oversees residents and practices Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is also an assistant professor at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. Valerie is a frequent lecturer on medical issues related to health and halakha and recently played an important role in the kallah conference co-sponsored by YCT, JOFA and Yeshivat Maharat. Canadian-born, she is a graduate of McGill University and McGill Medical School.

Danny and Valerie are the proud parents of four children: Benjamin, 14, Rebecca, 12, Yoni, 9, and Gabriel 6. They all attend the SAR Academy in Riverdale. I happily join with the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in congratulating my good friend of many years Danny and his wife for their contributions to the HIR and to the community at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall No. 377. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" for this measure.

JORDAN LESTINA TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jordan Lestina of Julesburg, Colorado. Mr. Lestina was recently awarded the prestigious Boettcher Scholarship for his efforts both in and out of the classroom.

Mr. Lestina already has substantial leadership experience as the national FFA Organization president, the Future Business Leaders of America president and student body president at Dove Creek High School. They are positions that require an enormous amount of attention, but ones he is able to balance with his duties as captain of the school wrestling team. In the classroom, he helps instruct FFA and agriculture classes, competed in the International Science Fair, and still manages to allot time for his responsibilities as a ranch hand.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Jordan Lestina today. The excellence he has shown in academia, athletics and through community service is admirable. There is no doubt that he will continue his success at the collegiate level, with the help of the Boettcher Foundation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote Number 395 on H.R. 2017 (GOSAR), I

mistakenly recorded my vote as "yea," when I should have voted "nay."

HONORING ANDREAS D.
COMODROMOS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 3, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Andreas Comodromos, for his exemplary involvement in many community, business, and political endeavors, both locally and at the national level. While his dedication to serving others extends to numerous causes, today I would like to recognize his unwavering commitment to the nation of Cyprus, the Cypriot-American community, and the Hellenic-American community at large.

Andreas "Andy" Comodromos was born in Vatili, in the Famagusta District of Cyprus, on March 27, 1949. The oldest of six children, Andy married Cyprus native Anna Zachariades in 1973. They made their home in Cyprus and, after having their first child, moved to the United States in 1974 so that Andy could pursue a college degree. He graduated magna cum laude from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey with a B.S. in Accounting, and soon joined the international accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst. Andy earned his CPA certification in 1982 and, the following year, co-founded the accounting firm of Comodromos Associates, P.A. with his late brother, Michael. Andy has served as president and managing partner of the Paramus-based firm ever since.

Despite leaving Cyprus nearly four decades ago, Andy's dedication to his homeland and to Cypriot-Americans is unwavering, and the well-deserved accolades he has received are numerous. He is the founding president of the Federation of Hellenic-American Organizations of New Jersey, a group which is proudly honoring him at their annual gala on June 5, 2011. He has served in several capacities on the Executive Committee of the Cyprus Federation of America, CFA, including two consecutive terms as the CFA's Supreme President, from 1991 to 1995. The CFA honored Andy with the 2001 "Justice for Cyprus Award" in recognition of his untiring services and dedication to the Cypriot-American community. He was honored with the Offikion Archon Dikaiophylax by his Eminence Archbishop Iakovos in March 1996, and was subsequently elected to the National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew, for which he serves as Assistant Treasurer. He is a member of the Metropolitan Council for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey, of Evangelismos Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox community, and of Saint Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Paramus. In 2000, Andy was honored as "Man of the Year" by Evangelismos Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Jersey City. He received the 1996 Ellis Island Medal of Honor for outstanding contributions to America and distinguished community service, and in 2009, was appointed by Governor Jon Corzine to the New Jersey Hellenic-American Heritage Commission.

Andy is the Founding President and current Chairman of the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of